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We are holding open house In Okolona

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 29th and 30th
at the store of

J. RUBEL & COMPANY

With our Mr. St. Clair Thompson
in charge of the Reception!

He brings with him a big display of new Spring
1917 fashions and fabrics.

The latter are in full suit length pieces and will
give you a splendid grasp of exactly how the new
materials look.

The styles are drawn especially for us by recog-
nized style authority artist of America, and can be
seen in no other hands except those of your own
Kahn dealer.

Of course, you will not be unduly urged to buy un-
less your need for good clothes and the strength of
our showing should prompt you to do so. And, as in
the past, the garments will not be delivered until
you want them, even though that may be late in
the Spring season.

Don't fail to embrace this opportunity of
of seeing what is new in tailoring!

Yours very truly,

KAHN TAILORING COMPANY
OF INDIANAPOLIS

said little about the purchase of
feed stuff. It was grow feed ev-
ery time. He advised keeping
no more stock than enough to
consume the feed grown on the
farm.

Prof. Cobb, as all know, is the
corn man. It is his ambition to
see the State grow 100,000,000
bushels of corn a year—to make
enough for home use and a little
to spare. His talk was both in-
structive and entertaining with
just enough humor to hold the
attention of his hearers while he
pounded home the more solid
truths and the ideals sought.

He held Mississippi up as a
potential corn state, showing
that while the state produces on
an average about nine bushels of
corn less to the acre than the
average for the whole country it
holds the record yield for a sin-
gle acre and for a 200 acre field.
He told us that the corn club
boys made an average of 47
bushels of corn to the acre last
year while the men only secured
14 bushels. He could see no
reason why the state should be
behind in the production of corn
except that our people fail to
mix mind and muscle in the
proper proportion.

He placed the matter of seed
corn as of first importance. He
showed that field selection is the
only method whereby one might
know, even approximately, what
to expect from the planted
grains. A vigorous stalk with
ears true to type and no barren
stalks was the goal set in seed
selection, and held out the hope
that this with no other improve-
ment would bring the average yield
up some five or six bushels per
acre.

In the matter of cultivation,
he strongly advised the use of
the section harrow for corn and
cotton both before and after the
plants are up. On these heavy
soils he thought one deep cul-
tivation would be beneficial, but
this should be done before the
corn is more than 15 or 18 in-
ches high, and before the roots
would be disturbed by the cul-
tivation. He also advised that
peas or some other legume should
be planted in every row of corn
at lay-by time.

Relative to fertilizers, he
thought 100 pounds of cotton
seed meal should be put under
the corn before planting and 100
pounds of nitrate of soda should
be used around the corn when it
is from knee high to waist high.
He seemed to think these lands
need no other element than ni-
trogen. In this he agrees with
all other agriculturists who give
the matter serious thought or
who have observed experiments.

It is to be regretted that the
weather was so unfavorable that
the great body of farmers could
not come out. These meetings
are paid for jointly by the state
and national government and
have done a world of good all
through the South. Just at this
time they are specially needed in
this section when the people re-
alize some change must be made
but what is best they can not
say.

Let's have more of these meet-
ings, and let's attend them bet-
ter. We suggest that the next
meeting be an experience meet-
ing. Let the farmers and busi-
ness men come together and let
each relate his own experience,
telling the difficulties met with
and obstacles overcome in grow-
ing and marketing crops other
than cotton and what is necessary
to make these lines successful.
Tell the business men your suc-
cesses and your troubles and
hear theirs, and together work
for the good of all and endeavor
to find the best markets for all
the products of all the farms.

ing from five to ten cows as a-
bout the number for a begin-
ning. He said that perhaps 95
percent of those who start on
a large scale fail, while about
the same percent of those who
begin with a few cows succeed.
He accounted for this by the
fact that the small details are
the things that count in dairying
and that large herds usually
lost much money for beginners
before the details were master-
ed. He told his hearers that ex-
pensive barns were not neces-
sary, but that silos were; that the
condition of the cow, the milker
and the milk vessels had more to
do with the keeping qualities of
the milk than did cement floors
and ceiled walls, that a silo would
pay with ten or more head of
cattle and that it was useful in
the dry summer months as well
as in the winter. "Keep every-
thing clean, and keep up the flow
of milk" is his motto for the
successful dairyman.

He named cotton seed meal as
the basic feed for milk produc-
tion and advised feeding this
with two parts of corn and cob
meal and to feed all the hay and
silage the cows would clean up.
He recommended turnips as a
cheap succulent feed and one
easily grown.

He mentioned hogs and poul-
try as two profitable side lines.
Both of these, he advised, must
have other feeds than skimmed
milk, but that both furnished
profitable means of marketing
this waste product.

We noted particularly that the

Farm Workers Give Good Advice

Thursday of last week Prof.
Higgins and Prof. Cobb, of the
A. and M. College, were here
and talked to our people concern-
ing some of the things necessary
to succeed on the farm under
present conditions. Notwith-
standing the cold and the rain,
between 50 and 75 people were
out to hear them.

Mayor West presided and in-
troduced the speakers in a few
well chosen words in which he
showed the interest every man,
whatever his calling, should have
in agricultural science.

Prof. Higgins, dairy expert of
the U. S. Department of Agricul-
ture and of the extension work in
Mississippi, spoke first. As
might have been expected, his
talk was mostly along dairying
lines, still he touched on several
other phases of agricultural ac-
tivities and conditions. He told
his hearers very pointedly that
the boll weevils had not been
killed by the cold and that what
they would do next year depend-
ed on weather conditions for
about two months beginning
with the middle of next June.
He intimated that we might ex-
pect this to be the case from now
on. Of one locality he said,
"They had the weevil ten years
ago; they have the weevil now;
and I think if you should go there
ten years from now you still find
the weevil."

He advised the farmers to
start dairying on a small scale
and grow into the business, nam-

At School House Tuesday Night, Feb. 6, 1917

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a year's program without including a
male quartet. In many places it has
come to be looked forward to as much
as a Lyceum course itself.

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reau presents a male quartet which
renders a program without waits, a



THE COLLEGIANS.

program in which there is plenty of
action.

This type of male quartet has filled
an important place in the Lyceum in
the last few years, as it combines not
only good music, but entertainment of
a nature which delights both grownups
and children.

The program of the Collegians also
will consist not only of vocal quartets
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as well, still further adding variety to
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